Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for processing <u>input</u> source information comprising the steps of:

parsing the input source information into elements;

identifying an element <u>within said input source information</u> as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element according to a rule-based query; and

designating the identified source placeable element by type;

identifying stored information that is substantially similar to said input source information;

comparing the type of the identified source placeable element to a type of a corresponding portion of the identified stored information for identifying a match of type of elements;

converting at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element;

replacing the portion of the identified stored information in a corresponding location in the identified stored information with the converted target placeable element if the match of type of elements is identified; and

outputting the identified stored information containing the converted target placeable element.

2. (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining a source locale.

3. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

applying a source placeable identifier to determine a type of said source placeable element.

4. (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining a target locale.

5. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

designating a type of said source placeable element;

applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of said source placeable element.

6. (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

applying said source locale to determine said element by type.

7. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

converting said source placeable element into a language-independent format.

8. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun; placing said source placeable element directly into a target output.

9. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;

converting said date into a target information according to a target locale information.

10. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;

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converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

11. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun; converting said source placeable element into a meta-representation.

12. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date; converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

13. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining whether said source placeable element requires conversion.

14-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining output requirement for conversions.

17. (Previously presented) A computer driven language processing system for processing input source information comprising:

a parser for parsing the input source information into elements;

an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser, the element identifier for identifying an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element;

a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier, the type designator for designating the identified source placeable element by type

a processor for identifying stored information that is substantially similar to said input source information and comparing the type of the identified source placeable element to a type of a corresponding portion of the identified stored information for identifying a match of type of elements; and

a placeable converter for converting at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element, wherein the element identifier identifies an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element according to a rule based query the portion of the identified stored information is replaced with the converted target placeable element in a corresponding location if the match of type of elements is identified; and

an output for outputting the identified stored information containing the converted target placeable element.

18. (Currently amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

a parser for parsing source information into elements;

an element identifier identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria based on the content of the elements according to a rule based query;

a type designator for designating said placeable elements by type; and

a placeable converter,

wherein stored information that is substantially similar to said source information is identified, the type of said placeable element is compared to the type of a corresponding portion of the identified stored information for identifying a match of type of elements and the portion of the identified stored information in a corresponding location in the identified stored information is replaced with the converted target placeable element if the match of type of elements is identified.

19-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element requires a calculation for converting a source currency into a target currency, said calculation for converting is automatic.

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- 23. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element requires a mathematical calculation, said mathematical calculation is automatic.
- 24. (Previously presented) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

parsing input source information into elements;

identifying a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the source placeable element according to a rule based query;

designating the identified source placeable element by type;

identifying stored information that is substantially similar to said input source information;

comparing the type of the identified source placeable element to a type of a corresponding portion of the identified stored information for identifying a match of type of elements; and

calculating at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element, said calculating comprising converting said source placeable element from a first unit of measure into a second unit of measure; and

replacing the portion of the identified stored information with the converted target placeable element at a corresponding location in the identified stored information if the match of type of elements is identified.

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